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Key: a-asked price; b-bid price; n-nominal quotation

The open contract figures shown in this publication are the aggregates of positions long (or short) carried on the books of clearing members.

Table 1. WHEAT: Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets
March 1956

Date	Chicago Board of Trade	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Kansas City Board of Trade	Other contract markets	Total
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
1956					
March					
1	11,338	661	1,933	362	14,294
2	10,821	1,061	1,827	391	14,100
Saturday					
Sunday					
5	11,377	1,345	1,830	369	14,921
6	9,618	1,304	1,945	267	13,134
7	13,757	1,301	1,571	389	17,018
8	10,522	671	2,295	322	13,810
9	13,285	1,097	1,647	470	16,499
Saturday					
Sunday					
12	11,049	583	1,416	220	13,268
13	10,453	854	967	369	12,643
14	8,556	795	1,258	234	10,843
15	11,010	829	1,432	331	13,602
16	8,741	580	1,070	331	10,722
Saturday					
Sunday					
19	9,747	702	1,049	260	11,758
20	20,453	835	994	352	22,634
21	13,686	468	1,295	355	15,804
22	16,954	857	1,208	391	19,410
23	24,364	912	1,975	670	27,921
Saturday					
Sunday					
26	20,724	1,095	2,439	550	24,808
27	21,697	1,426	1,877	622	25,622
28	14,401	561	1,012	370	16,344
29	12,677	589	1,276	368	14,910
Holiday, Good Friday					
Saturday					
Total					
Mar. 1956	285,230	18,526	32,316	7,993	344,065
Feb. 1956	239,945	18,833	29,295	5,915	293,988
Mar. 1955	313,292	18,171	20,032	8,276	359,771

Table 2. WHEAT: Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade
March 1956

Date	Future						1957 March	All futures
	March	May	July	September	December	March		
1956 March	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
1	1,844	3,268	4,298	1,098	830			11,338
2	838	4,848	3,845	922	368			10,821
Saturday								
Sunday								
5	1,566	5,335	3,142	819	515			11,377
6	1,604	4,599	2,664	474	277			9,618
7	1,987	6,644	3,201	1,189	736			13,757
8	847	5,447	2,905	908	415			10,522
9	1,161	6,860	3,126	1,620	518			13,285
Saturday								
Sunday								
12	828	6,373	2,121	1,128	599			11,049
13	993	5,963	2,199	873	425			10,453
14	775	4,135	2,314	790	542			8,556
15	557	5,064	3,946	1,040	403			11,010
16	905	4,251	2,286	674	625			8,741
Saturday								
Sunday								
19	1,409	5,274	1,972	821	271			9,747
20	5,137	9,246	3,444	1,824	802			20,453
21	---	8,416	3,517	1,270	483			13,686
22	---	10,751	3,993	1,531	679			16,954
23	---	7,637	10,810	3,765	2,152			24,364
Saturday								
Sunday								
26	---	5,731	9,136	3,498	2,224	135		20,724
27	---	4,551	10,309	3,972	2,627	238		21,697
28	---	4,376	6,348	2,163	1,357	157		14,401
29	---	3,434	5,242	2,492	1,418	91		12,677
Holiday, Good Friday								
Saturday								
Total								
Mar. 1956	20,451	122,203	90,818	32,871	18,266	621		285,230
Feb. 1956	47,046	91,748	68,847	22,866	9,438	---		239,945
Mar. 1955	22,660	171,898	80,819	25,313	12,602	---		313,292

Table 3. WHEAT: Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets
March 1956

Date	Chicago Board of Trade	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Kansas City Board of Trade	Other contract markets	Total
1956	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
March					
1	53,353	6,526	11,616	592	72,087
2	54,191	6,719	11,299	574	72,783
Saturday					
Sunday					
5	53,921	6,681	10,798	558	71,958
6	54,671	6,658	10,988	535	72,852
7	54,456	6,672	11,083	554	72,765
8	54,234	6,782	10,648	485	72,149
9	54,595	6,624	10,924	542	72,685
Saturday					
Sunday					
12	54,455	6,576	10,713	551	72,295
13	54,526	6,529	10,329	548	71,932
14	55,195	6,487	10,247	577	72,506
15	55,324	6,452	10,026	550	72,352
16	54,974	6,403	10,016	567	71,960
Saturday					
Sunday					
19	55,071	6,297	9,921	556	71,845
20	53,044	6,209	10,218	585	70,056
21	52,777	6,232	10,144	594	69,747
22	51,983	6,201	10,148	590	68,922
23	51,211	6,203	9,648	469	67,531
Saturday					
Sunday					
26	51,426	6,026	8,671	487	66,610
27	51,586	5,809	8,726	423	66,544
28	51,434	5,859	8,728	436	66,457
29	52,440	5,768	8,481	471	67,160
Holiday, Good Friday					
Saturday					

Table 4. WHEAT: Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade
March 1956

Future							
Date	March	May	July	September	December	1957 March	All futures
1956	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
March							
1	7,143	17,296	18,140	8,041	2,733		53,353
2	7,057	17,648	18,601	8,059	2,826		54,191
Saturday							
Sunday							
5	6,456	18,378	18,232	7,987	2,868		53,921
6	6,183	19,000	18,591	8,033	2,864		54,671
7	5,302	19,204	18,734	8,116	3,100		54,456
8	5,114	19,371	18,174	8,287	3,288		54,234
9	4,825	19,909	18,174	8,291	3,396		54,595
Saturday							
Sunday							
12	4,667	19,899	18,205	8,189	3,495		54,455
13	4,161	19,703	18,698	8,369	3,595		54,526
14	4,075	19,895	18,967	8,498	3,760		55,195
15	3,761	19,655	19,626	8,511	3,771		55,324
16	3,388	19,708	19,306	8,515	4,057		54,974
Saturday							
Sunday							
19	2,818	19,726	19,732	8,692	4,103		55,071
20	220	19,326	20,120	9,127	4,251		53,044
21	70	19,271	20,148	8,962	4,326		52,777
22	19	18,483	19,997	8,991	4,493		51,983
23	14	17,463	19,456	9,073	5,205		51,211
Saturday							
Sunday							
26	14	16,883	18,977	9,794	5,623	135	51,426
27	13	15,957	19,388	9,906	6,039	283	51,586
28	7	15,530	19,374	9,830	6,368	325	51,434
29	---	15,504	20,005	10,244	6,341	346	52,440
Holiday, Good Friday							
Saturday							

Table 5. WHEAT: Daily closing prices, at Chicago, Minneapolis
Kansas City and Liverpool
March 1956

1956 May future					
Date	Chicago Board of Trade	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Kansas City Board of Trade	Liverpool	1/
1956 March	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	
1	215 5/8-3/4	230 3/4	210 7/8	202 1/4	n
2	216 7/8-17	230 1/2	211 5/8	203 3/8	n
Saturday					
Sunday					
5	216 5/8-3/4	230 3/8 a	212 1/8	203 1/4	n
6	215 7/8-16	229 1/4	211 7/8-12	203 5/8	n
7	215 1/2-3/4	229 3/4	212 1/2-3/4	203 5/8	n
8	216 1/2-5/8	230 5/8	213 3/8	203 3/8	n
9	217 3/8-1/2	230 3/4	214	205 1/8	n
Saturday					
Sunday					
12	218 7/8-19	230 3/8	215 1/8-1/4	205 1/4	n
13	218 5/8-3/4	229 3/8	214 3/4-7/8	205 1/8	n
14	219 1/2-5/8	230	215 1/2-5/8	205 1/4	n
15	219 5/8-3/4	230 5/8	216 1/2	205 1/8	n
16	219 3/4-7/8	230 1/2	216 3/8	205 1/8	n
Saturday					
Sunday					
19	220 7/8-21	231 1/8	217 1/8	205 1/8	n
20	222 1/4-3/8	231 1/4	217 1/2-5/8	206 1/8	n
21	224 3/4-7/8	231 7/8	218 1/4	206 1/8	n
22	225 7/8-26 1/8	232 3/8	218 3/8	206 1/8	n
23	227-27 1/8	232 7/8	219 7/8-20	206 1/8	n
Saturday					
Sunday					
26	227 3/4-28	232 1/4	220 3/4-21	203 1/2	n
27	227 1/8	232 1/2	220 7/8-21	203 1/2	n
28	226 5/8-3/4	232 5/8	221 1/8	203 1/2	n
29	226 5/8-3/4	232 1/4	221 1/2	206 5/8	n
Holiday, Good Friday					
Saturday					

1/ "As reported by the Chicago Board of Trade in cents per bushel converted from pounds, shillings and pence per ton 2,240 pounds."

Table 7. CORN: Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets
March 1956

Date	Chicago Board of Trade	Other contract markets	Total
1956	1,000	1,000	1,000
<u>March</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>
1	13,382	67	13,449
2	6,624	61	6,685
Saturday			
Sunday			
5	5,696	77	5,773
6	4,623	79	4,702
7	7,292	69	7,361
8	6,470	103	6,573
9	6,844	103	6,947
Saturday			
Sunday			
12	4,202	30	4,232
13	5,177	43	5,220
14	6,385	63	6,448
15	8,741	147	8,888
16	9,811	155	9,966
Saturday			
Sunday			
19	7,882	51	7,933
20	13,800	85	13,885
21	9,471	85	9,556
22	11,828	133	11,961
23	14,169	97	14,266
Saturday			
Sunday			
26	11,620	131	11,751
27	14,085	297	14,382
28	7,173	127	7,300
29	8,209	124	8,333
Holiday, Good Friday			
Saturday			
Total			
Mar. 1956	183,484	2,127	185,611
Feb. 1956	180,164	2,212	182,376
Mar. 1955	211,781	1,531	213,312

Table 8. CORN:

Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade
March 1956

Date	Future						1957	All
	March	May	July	September	December	March	March	futures
1956	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
March	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
1	4,527	5,183	1,958	1,007	707			13,382
2	1,091	3,154	1,532	630	217			6,624
Saturday								
Sunday								
5	620	2,591	1,634	576	275			5,696
6	526	2,239	1,341	350	167			4,623
7	366	3,920	1,789	841	376			7,292
8	386	3,679	1,535	600	270			6,470
9	331	3,149	1,713	843	808			6,844
Saturday								
Sunday								
12	222	2,097	1,218	423	237			4,202
13	220	2,878	1,195	693	191			5,177
14	236	3,648	1,805	486	210			6,385
15	435	4,501	2,409	644	752			8,741
16	413	5,278	2,637	813	670			9,811
Saturday								
Sunday								
19	339	4,302	1,979	826	436			7,882
20	755	5,484	4,483	1,980	1,098			13,800
21	---	5,830	2,226	1,020	395			9,471
22	---	6,246	3,370	1,488	724			11,828
23	---	6,684	4,322	1,726	1,437			14,169
Saturday								
Sunday								
26	---	4,581	3,332	1,338	2,209	160		11,620
27	---	5,969	4,269	2,016	1,724	107		14,085
28	---	3,373	2,419	774	552	55		7,173
29	---	3,866	2,699	668	931	45		8,209
Holiday, Good Friday								
Saturday								
Total								
Mar. 1956	10,467	88,652	49,865	19,747	14,386	367		183,484
Feb. 1956	38,951	74,542	36,316	17,882	12,473	---		180,164
Mar. 1955	12,493	111,012	64,672	15,299	8,305	---		211,781

Table 9. CORN: Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets
March 1956

Date	Chicago Board of Trade	Other contract markets	Total
1956 March	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
1	80,855	347	81,202
2	78,552	350	78,902
Saturday			
Sunday			
5	78,473	367	78,840
6	78,581	368	78,949
7	78,204	392	78,596
8	78,428	349	78,777
9	78,424	339	78,763
Saturday			
Sunday			
12	78,550	348	78,898
13	78,453	350	78,803
14	77,995	358	78,353
15	78,098	356	78,454
16	78,449	321	78,770
Saturday			
Sunday			
19	78,500	318	78,818
20	79,490	304	79,794
21	78,134	307	78,441
22	79,425	282	79,707
23	78,803	268	79,071
Saturday			
Sunday			
26	78,798	310	79,108
27	78,049	340	78,389
28	77,906	357	78,263
29	77,504	366	77,870
Holiday, Good Friday			
Saturday			

Table 10. CORN: Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade
March 1956

Date	Future					1957	All
	March	May	July	September	December	March	futures
1956	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
March	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
1	5,317	36,129	24,791	9,419	5,199		80,855
2	2,821	36,194	24,836	9,446	5,255		78,552
Saturday							
Sunday							
5	2,045	36,273	25,264	9,566	5,325		78,473
6	1,917	36,266	25,466	9,609	5,323		78,581
7	1,451	35,854	25,798	9,841	5,260		78,204
8	1,470	35,630	26,101	9,923	5,304		78,428
9	1,314	35,259	26,415	10,078	5,358		78,424
Saturday							
Sunday							
12	1,111	35,078	26,783	10,216	5,362		78,550
13	1,119	35,059	26,854	10,109	5,312		78,453
14	1,015	34,570	26,918	10,201	5,291		77,995
15	904	34,148	27,391	10,330	5,325		78,098
16	737	33,506	28,214	10,565	5,427		78,449
Saturday							
Sunday							
19	662	33,002	28,649	10,653	5,534		78,500
20	503	31,963	29,869	11,487	5,668		79,490
21	15	30,514	30,302	11,669	5,634		78,134
22	---	30,829	30,844	12,056	5,696		79,425
23	---	29,650	31,216	12,217	5,720		78,803
Saturday							
Sunday							
26	---	28,740	31,218	12,225	6,455	160	78,798
27	---	27,792	30,940	12,334	6,736	247	78,049
28	---	27,126	31,230	12,498	6,780	272	77,906
29	---	26,901	31,058	12,314	6,934	297	77,504
Holiday, Good Friday							
Saturday							

Table 11. CORN: High, low and closing prices, three principal futures, Chicago Board of Trade, March 1956

Date	:High	Low	Closing	:High	Low	Closing	:High	Low	Closing
1956 March future									
March	:Cents	Cents	Cents	:Cents	Cents	Cents	:Cents	Cents	Cents
1	:128 5/8	126 1/8	128	:133 1/8	131 7/8	132 1/2-5/8	:136 3/4	135 7/8	136 1/4
2	:129 3/4	128 1/2	129 3/8-1/2	:133 3/4	132 7/8	133 1/2-5/8	:137 5/8	136 3/4	137-37 1/8
Saturday:	:			:			:		
Sunday :	:			:			:		
5	:120	129 1/4	129 7/8	:134	133 1/4	133 1/2-5/8	:137 3/4	136 7/8	137 1/4
6	:130 1/8	129 3/4	129 3/4	:134	133 1/2	133 1/2	:137 3/4	137	137 1/4-3/8
7	:130 5/8	129 5/8	130 5/8	:134 1/2	133 1/2	134 3/8	:138 3/8	137 1/4	138 1/8-1/4
8	:130 7/8	130 1/8	130 1/4	:134 7/8	133 7/8	134 1/8-3/8	:138 1/2	137 1/2	137 7/8-38
9	:131 3/8	130	130 7/8-31	:134 3/4	133 1/2	134 3/8-1/2	:138 1/4	137	137 7/8-38
Saturday:	:			:			:		
Sunday :	:			:			:		
12	:131 1/2	131	131 3/8	:134 3/4	134 3/8	134 1/2-5/8	:138 3/8	137 7/8	138 1/8-1/4
13	:131 5/8	131 1/4	131 3/8	:135	134 3/8	134 5/8-3/4	:138 3/8	138	138 1/8-1/4
14	:132	131	131 3/4	:135 1/2	134 1/2	135 3/8-1/2	:139 1/8	138	138 7/8-39
15	:133 3/8	132 1/8	132 7/8	:136 3/8	135 3/8	136 1/8-1/4	:140 1/4	139	139 7/8-40
16	:134	133 1/4	133 1/4-5/8	:137	136 1/4	136 3/4-7/8	:141	140 1/8	140 5/8-3/4
Saturday:	:			:			:		
Sunday :	:			:			:		
19	:134 1/2	133 1/4	134 1/4-3/8	:137 3/4	136 5/8	137 1/4-3/8	:141 1/2	140 5/8	141 1/4-3/8
20	:136 3/8	134 7/8	135 3/4-36 3/8	:138 5/8	137 5/8	138 1/4-3/8	:142 5/8	141 3/4	142
21	:---	---	---	:138 3/4	137 3/4	138-38 1/8	:143	141 3/4	141 3/4-7/8
22	:---	---	---	:139 1/2	138	139 3/8-1/2	:143 1/2	141 3/4	143 3/8-1/2
23	:---	---	---	:141	139 7/8	140 1/2-5/8	:144 5/8	143 5/8	144 3/8-1/2
Saturday :	:			:			:		
Sunday :	:			:			:		
26	:---	---	---	:141 3/8	139 3/4	141 1/4-3/8	:144 7/8	143 1/2	144 3/4-7/8
27	:---	---	---	:141 7/8	140 1/4	140 1/4-3/8	:145 3/4	143 7/8	143 7/8-44
28	:---	---	---	:140 1/8	139 1/4	139 7/8-40	:144	143	143 3/4-7/8
29	:---	---	---	:141 3/4	139 5/8	141 1/2-5/8	:145 5/8	143 5/8	145 3/8-1/2
Holiday, Good Friday	:			:			:		
Saturday:	:			:			:		

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11	12	13	14	15
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21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35
36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45
46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55
56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65
66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75
76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85
86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95
96	97	98	99	100

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Table 12. OATS: Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets
March 1956

Date	Chicago Board of Trade	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Other contract markets	Total
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
1956				
March				
1	4,301	30	16	4,347
2	2,419	36	6	2,461
Saturday				
Sunday				
5	1,469	40	4	1,513
6	1,281	67	10	1,358
7	1,467	27	14	1,508
8	1,111	16	4	1,131
9	1,235	16	7	1,258
Saturday				
Sunday				
12	767	17	---	784
13	1,010	19	---	1,029
14	1,052	105	7	1,164
15	1,525	14	2	1,541
16	1,331	21	2	1,354
Saturday				
Sunday				
19	1,875	37	---	1,912
20	1,682	43	7	1,732
21	729	79	8	816
22	925	40	5	970
23	2,016	75	20	2,111
Saturday				
Sunday				
26	2,442	77	2	2,521
27	2,724	97	27	2,848
28	970	33	5	1,008
29	966	52	---	1,018
Holiday, Good Friday				
Saturday				
Total				
Mar. 1956	33,297	941	146	34,384
Feb. 1956	36,654	1,566	192	38,412
Mar. 1955	52,990	3,014	158	56,162

Table 13. OATS: Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade
March 1956

Date	Future					All futures
	March	May	July	September	December	
1956	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
March	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
1	2,049	1,800	239	136	77	4,301
2	990	1,091	303	25	10	2,419
Saturday						
Sunday						
5	725	528	149	55	12	1,469
6	483	587	37	154	20	1,281
7	314	647	357	149	---	1,467
8	320	454	213	109	15	1,111
9	312	452	221	245	5	1,235
Saturday						
Sunday						
12	45	526	124	67	5	767
13	230	487	189	104	---	1,010
14	74	579	208	121	70	1,052
15	352	719	244	210	---	1,525
16	317	643	186	169	16	1,331
Saturday						
Sunday						
19	227	996	503	137	12	1,875
20	215	821	503	143	---	1,682
21	---	453	149	102	25	729
22	---	651	145	107	22	925
23	---	1,043	674	266	33	2,016
Saturday						
Sunday						
26	---	814	1,082	443	103	2,442
27	---	1,338	761	471	154	2,724
28	---	479	253	214	24	970
29	---	539	297	95	35	966
Holiday, Good Friday						
Saturday						
Total						
Mar. 1956	6,653	15,647	6,837	3,522	638	33,297
Feb. 1956	14,383	16,721	3,320	1,724	506	36,654
Mar. 1955	7,173	28,870	11,020	4,462	1,465	52,990

Table 14. OATS: Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets
March 1956

Date	Chicago Board of trade	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Other contract markets	Total
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
1956 March				
1	19,413	1,251	154	20,818
2	19,150	1,233	156	20,539
Saturday				
Sunday				
5	18,669	1,251	158	20,078
6	18,810	1,265	158	20,233
7	18,798	1,265	162	20,225
8	18,619	1,265	162	20,046
9	18,521	1,251	160	19,932
Saturday				
Sunday				
12	18,393	1,254	160	19,807
13	18,349	1,243	160	19,752
14	18,307	1,244	166	19,717
15	18,284	1,238	164	19,686
16	18,291	1,226	163	19,680
Saturday				
Sunday				
19	18,221	1,210	163	19,594
20	17,965	1,200	161	19,326
21	17,817	1,215	163	19,195
22	17,750	1,225	163	19,138
23	17,636	1,250	159	19,045
Saturday				
Sunday				
26	17,987	1,259	159	19,405
27	17,467	1,291	157	18,915
28	17,493	1,286	162	18,941
29	17,413	1,289	162	18,864
Holiday, Good Friday				
Saturday				

Table 15. OATS: Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade
March 1956

Date	Future					All futures
	March	May	July	September	December	
1956	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
March	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
1	2,266	12,537	2,861	1,449	300	19,413
2	1,706	12,681	2,999	1,464	300	19,150
Saturday						
Sunday						
5	1,231	12,664	2,982	1,494	298	18,669
6	1,112	12,804	2,982	1,614	298	18,810
7	897	12,800	3,127	1,676	298	18,798
8	763	12,768	3,100	1,690	298	18,619
9	669	12,752	3,177	1,625	298	18,521
Saturday						
Sunday						
12	586	12,723	3,191	1,595	298	18,393
13	581	12,671	3,211	1,588	298	18,349
14	520	12,573	3,249	1,677	288	18,307
15	344	12,517	3,383	1,752	288	18,284
16	236	12,481	3,459	1,829	286	18,291
Saturday						
Sunday						
19	291	12,290	3,490	1,866	284	18,221
20	164	12,158	3,426	1,933	284	17,965
21	5	12,093	3,451	1,970	298	17,817
22	---	11,998	3,451	2,003	298	17,750
23	---	11,583	3,642	2,085	326	17,636
Saturday						
Sunday						
26	---	11,547	3,838	2,240	362	17,987
27	---	11,158	3,756	2,144	409	17,467
28	---	11,098	3,736	2,235	424	17,493
29	---	10,948	3,771	2,255	439	17,413
Holiday, Good Friday						
Saturday						

Table 16. OATS: Daily closing prices, Chicago, Minneapolis and Winnipeg; and rate of exchange, Canadian Currency
March 1956

1956 May future				
Date	Chicago Board of Trade	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Winnipeg Grain Exchange	A: Exchange Rate Canadian Currency 2/
1956	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
March				
1	62 1/2-5/8	58 3/8 a	79 3/4	100.0736
2	62 5/8	58 1/4	80 7/8	100.0691
Saturday				
Sunday				
5	62 1/2-5/8	58	79 7/8	100.1383
6	62 1/2-5/8	58 1/4	79 1/4 b	100.1562
7	62 3/4-7/8	58 5/8	80	100.1250
8	62 3/4	58 1/2 a	80 5/8	100.1250
9	62 7/8-63	58 3/4 b	80 3/8 b	100.1250
Saturday				
Sunday				
12	62 7/8	58 5/8 a	80 5/8	100.1250
13	62 7/8-63	58 5/8	80 1/2 b	100.1406
14	63 1/8	58 3/4 b	80 1/2	100.1450
15	63 3/8-1/2	59 1/8 a	80 3/8	100.1406
16	63 1/4	59 1/4 b	79 7/8	100.1250
Saturday				
Sunday				
19	63 5/8	59 3/8	80 3/8	100.1250
20	63 1/2-5/8	59 7/8	80 1/8	100.1250
21	63 3/4-7/8	60 1/8 a	81 1/2	100.1250
22	63 7/8-64	60	83 3/8	100.1406
23	64 3/8 a	60 1/4	83 3/8	100.1250
Saturday				
Sunday				
26	64 7/8	60 1/4	83 3/8 b	100.1406
27	64 7/8-65	60	83 3/4	100.1205
28	64 7/8	60 1/8	84 b	100.1093
29	65	60 b	83 7/8	100.0848
Holiday, Good Friday				
Saturday				

1/ As reported by the Chicago Board of Trade and converted to American currency at rates shown.

2/ Based on noon buying rates in New York certified for customs purposes by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Table 18. RYE: Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets
March 1956

Date	Chicago Board of Trade	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Other contract markets	Total
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
1956				
March				
1	1,872	4	30	1,906
2	1,670	---	44	1,714
Saturday				
Sunday				
5	2,904	5	42	2,951
6	1,751	1	26	1,778
7	1,912	6	56	1,974
8	1,692	10	160	1,862
9	2,491	5	22	2,518
Saturday				
Sunday				
12	1,251	---	21	1,272
13	765	---	11	776
14	1,245	---	22	1,267
15	1,331	18	29	1,378
16	1,061	5	14	1,080
Saturday				
Sunday				
19	907	25	23	955
20	2,087	---	23	2,110
21	983	7	14	1,004
22	1,180	---	8	1,188
23	2,889	4	46	2,939
Saturday				
Sunday				
26	2,951	6	44	3,001
27	4,361	12	55	4,428
28	2,059	---	58	2,117
29	1,594	5	8	1,607
Holiday, Good Friday				
Saturday				
Total				
Mar. 1956	38,956	113	756	39,825
Feb. 1956	53,503	183	801	54,487
Mar. 1955	67,964	176	416	68,556

Table 19. RYE: Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade
March 1956

Date	Future					All futures
	March	May	July	September	December	
1956 March	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
1	291	1,101	377	103		1,872
2	214	1,109	292	55		1,670
Saturday						
Sunday						
5	497	1,308	758	341		2,904
6	211	1,111	292	137		1,751
7	191	1,214	341	166		1,912
8	167	863	494	168		1,692
9	243	1,690	414	144		2,491
Saturday						
Sunday						
12	154	832	195	70		1,251
13	52	396	211	106		765
14	167	848	140	90		1,245
15	102	869	294	66		1,331
16	216	473	258	114		1,061
Saturday						
Sunday						
19	368	300	143	96		907
20	1,126	624	265	72		2,087
21	---	601	266	87	29	983
22	---	649	408	110	13	1,180
23	---	1,952	762	175	---	2,889
Saturday						
Sunday						
26	---	1,273	1,292	378	8	2,951
27	---	2,518	1,218	570	55	4,361
28	---	922	718	403	16	2,059
29	---	669	586	334	5	1,594
Holiday, Good Friday						
Saturday						
Total						
Mar. 1956	3,999	21,322	9,724	3,785	126	38,956
Feb. 1956	11,080	30,897	8,421	3,105	---	53,503
Mar. 1955	4,914	37,320	16,911	7,484	1,335	67,964

Table 20. RYE: Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets
March 1956

Date	: Chicago : Board of : Trade	: Minneapolis : Grain : Exchange	: Other : contract : markets	: Total
1956	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
<u>March</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>
1	13,934	275	144	14,353
2	14,035	275	183	14,493
Saturday				
Sunday				
5	13,531	280	195	14,006
6	13,619	280	203	14,102
7	13,325	281	218	13,824
8	13,575	291	107	13,973
9	13,399	291	108	13,798
Saturday				
Sunday				
12	13,278	291	114	13,683
13	13,349	291	110	13,750
14	13,439	291	110	13,840
15	13,502	291	111	13,904
16	13,569	291	116	13,976
Saturday				
Sunday				
19	13,588	316	114	14,018
20	12,940	316	95	13,351
21	12,537	314	104	12,955
22	12,380	314	109	12,803
23	12,234	310	123	12,667
Saturday				
Sunday				
26	11,900	310	120	12,330
27	11,348	310	95	11,753
28	11,268	310	58	11,636
29	11,215	310	65	11,590
Holiday, Good Friday				
Saturday				

Table 21. RYE: Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade
March 1956

Date	Future					All futures
	March	May	July	September	December	
1956	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
March	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>
1	1,689	7,733	3,444	1,068		13,934
2	1,678	7,822	3,479	1,056		14,035
Saturday						
Sunday						
5	1,524	7,676	3,343	988		13,531
6	1,515	7,704	3,368	1,032		13,619
7	1,424	7,529	3,350	1,022		13,325
8	1,387	7,654	3,517	1,017		13,575
9	1,383	7,585	3,427	1,004		13,399
Saturday						
Sunday						
12	1,408	7,495	3,379	996		13,278
13	1,404	7,594	3,315	1,036		13,349
14	1,374	7,641	3,381	1,043		13,439
15	1,353	7,694	3,407	1,048		13,502
16	1,298	7,757	3,422	1,092		13,569
Saturday						
Sunday						
19	1,258	7,799	3,449	1,082		13,588
20	570	7,812	3,453	1,105		12,940
21	10	7,883	3,474	1,141	29	12,537
22	5	7,746	3,431	1,168	30	12,380
23	5	7,684	3,295	1,220	30	12,234
Saturday						
Sunday						
26	5	7,445	3,188	1,228	34	11,900
27	5	6,944	2,988	1,325	86	11,348
28	---	6,875	2,961	1,343	89	11,268
29	---	6,815	2,968	1,343	89	11,215
Holiday, Good Friday						
Saturday						

Table 22. RYE: Daily closing prices, at Chicago, Minneapolis and Winnipeg
March 1956

		1956 May future		
Date	Chicago	Minneapolis	Winnipeg	
	Board of	Grain	Grain	
	Trade	Exchange	Exchange	1/
1956				
March	Cents	Cents	Cents	
1	128 1/2	121 a	122 3/4	
2	129 1/2-3/4	121 1/2 b	124 5/8	
Saturday				
Sunday				
5	129 1/4	120 1/2	122 1/8	
6	129 1/4	121 b	123 5/8	
7	128 1/4-1/2	120 b	122 3/4	
8	127 1/2-3/4	122	120 7/8	
9	126 5/8	120	121 3/8 b	
Saturday				
Sunday				
12	128 1/4-1/2	121 b	122 1/4 b	
13	128	121 b	121 1/4 b	
14	129-29 1/4	124 b	123 1/8	
15	129 3/4	123 b	124	
16	128 1/2-3/4	122 1/2 a	123 3/8	
Saturday				
Sunday				
19	128 3/4	122 1/2	124 7/8	
20	128 3/4	121 1/2 a	123 7/8 b	
21	129	121 1/2	124	
22	129 3/4	121 1/2 n	124 1/2	
23	130 7/8	121 1/2 n	124 3/4	
Saturday				
Sunday				
26	131 3/4-32	122	125 1/8	
27	131 1/4	122	125 5/8	
28	131 3/4	122 1/2 b	125 3/8	
29	130 1/2	122 1/2	124 1/8	
Holiday, Good Friday				
Saturday				

1/ As reported by the Chicago Board of Trade and converted to American currency at rates shown in Table 16.

Table 24. SOYBEANS: Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets
March 1956

Date	Chicago Board of Trade	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Other contract markets	Total
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
1956				
March				
1	30,505	5	325	30,835
2	25,887	25	267	26,179
Saturday				
Sunday				
5	22,825	10	371	23,206
6	17,637	20	236	17,893
7	15,931	---	223	16,154
8	14,517	---	369	14,886
9	21,159	---	317	21,476
Saturday				
Sunday				
12	18,540	---	247	18,787
13	15,837	---	136	15,973
14	16,619	---	271	16,890
15	18,219	---	270	18,489
16	20,876	---	256	21,132
Saturday				
Sunday				
19	14,494	---	303	14,797
20	14,715	---	280	14,995
21	11,634	---	143	11,777
22	14,660	---	176	14,836
23	19,612	---	207	19,819
Saturday				
Sunday				
26	19,138	---	135	19,273
27	23,483	---	208	23,691
28	17,319	---	179	17,498
29	15,619	10	181	15,810
Holiday, Good Friday				
Saturday				
Total				
Mar. 1956	389,226	70	5,100	394,396
Feb. 1956	410,846	535	4,952	416,333
Mar. 1955	450,217	---	6,186	456,403

Table 25. SOYBEANS: Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade
March 1956

Date	Future						All futures
	March	May	July	September	November	January	
1956	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
March	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
1	3,717	12,639	11,668	1,118	1,363		30,505
2	3,405	10,870	9,821	661	1,130		25,887
Saturday							
Sunday							
5	2,381	8,960	9,092	1,064	1,328		22,825
6	1,759	8,236	6,663	608	371		17,637
7	1,265	6,834	6,468	698	666		15,931
8	1,128	6,060	6,318	640	371		14,517
9	1,490	8,552	8,827	1,061	1,229		21,159
Saturday							
Sunday							
12	1,159	8,963	7,235	633	550		18,540
13	848	7,875	5,795	578	741		15,837
14	905	7,184	5,747	1,677	1,106		16,619
15	1,471	8,553	5,882	1,205	1,108		18,219
16	751	10,292	7,577	1,287	969		20,876
Saturday							
Sunday							
19	1,120	6,565	4,738	1,377	694		14,494
20	3,294	5,825	4,363	681	552		14,715
21	---	5,404	4,621	794	815		11,634
22	---	5,424	5,790	1,575	1,871		14,660
23	---	7,905	6,253	2,704	2,750		19,612
Saturday							
Sunday							
26	---	7,671	7,422	1,837	2,104	104	19,138
27	---	9,247	9,595	1,933	2,357	351	23,483
28	---	7,375	6,724	1,489	1,535	196	17,319
29	---	6,492	6,380	1,070	1,657	20	15,619
Holiday, Good Friday							
Saturday							
Total							
Mar. 1956	24,693	166,926	146,979	24,690	25,267	671	389,226
Feb. 1956	68,348	145,814	135,932	34,051	26,701	---	410,846
Mar. 1955	57,882	202,962	121,578	30,210	34,753	2,832	450,217

Table 26. SOYBEANS: Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets
March 1956

Date	Chicago Board of Trade	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Other contract markets	Total
1956 March	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
1	84,392	700	580	85,672
2	82,169	725	628	83,522
Saturday				
Sunday				
5	83,639	730	624	84,993
6	83,264	725	596	84,585
7	82,846	705	595	84,146
8	83,418	705	557	84,680
9	82,528	705	502	83,735
Saturday				
Sunday				
12	83,009	705	513	84,227
13	83,020	705	515	84,240
14	82,283	705	545	83,533
15	82,786	705	555	84,046
16	83,272	705	566	84,543
Saturday				
Sunday				
19	82,465	705	560	83,730
20	80,082	705	566	81,353
21	79,096	705	537	80,338
22	78,449	705	584	79,738
23	78,326	705	548	79,579
Saturday				
Sunday				
26	78,614	705	560	79,879
27	79,353	705	591	80,649
28	80,449	705	614	81,768
29	81,730	715	635	83,080
Holiday, Good Friday				
Saturday				

Table 27. SOYBEANS: Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade
March 1956

Date	Future						All futures
	March	May	July	September	November	January	
1956	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
March	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
1	6,295	35,611	28,840	7,362	6,284		84,392
2	5,560	34,557	28,547	7,311	6,194		82,169
Saturday							
Sunday							
5	5,230	35,692	28,822	7,421	6,474		83,639
6	5,111	35,723	28,655	7,369	6,406		83,264
7	4,878	35,680	28,669	7,332	6,287		82,846
8	4,923	35,892	28,976	7,327	6,300		83,418
9	4,422	35,684	28,628	7,288	6,506		82,528
Saturday							
Sunday							
12	4,150	36,275	28,801	7,322	6,461		83,009
13	3,800	36,936	28,518	7,228	6,538		83,020
14	3,525	36,733	28,412	7,002	6,611		82,283
15	3,092	36,981	28,678	7,070	6,765		82,786
16	2,682	36,780	29,891	7,154	6,765		83,272
Saturday							
Sunday							
19	2,035	36,533	29,975	7,186	6,736		82,465
20	496	35,930	29,724	7,132	6,800		80,082
21	123	35,791	29,237	7,206	6,739		79,096
22	45	35,377	29,244	7,003	6,780		78,449
23	5	35,464	28,582	7,080	7,195		78,326
Saturday							
Sunday							
26	5	35,039	28,661	7,348	7,474	87	78,614
27	---	34,152	29,714	7,341	7,858	288	79,353
28	---	34,197	30,517	7,283	8,083	369	80,449
29	---	34,295	31,068	7,491	8,502	374	81,730
Holiday, Good Friday							
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